

ST. PHILIP'S
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

PRAYER
BOOK



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1 THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen.

2 VOCATION

God has created me to do him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another. I have my mission. — I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. Somehow I am necessary for his purposes, as necessary in my place as

an Archangel in his. If, indeed, I fail, he can raise another, as he could make the stones children of Abraham. Yet I have a part in this great work ; I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught, I shall do good, I shall do his work ; I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep his commandments and serve him in my calling.

Therefore, I will trust him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve him ; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve him ; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve him. My sickness or perplexity or sorrow may be necessary causes of some great end, which is quite beyond us. He does nothing in vain ; He may prolong my life, he may shorten it ; he knows what he is about. He may take away my friends, he may throw me among strangers, he may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide the future from me — still he knows what he is about.

—*Cardinal Newman.*

INTRODUCTION TO ASSEMBLIES

3 Advent I

Leader : O God come to my assistance,

ALL : O LORD, MAKE HASTE TO
HELP ME.

Leader : Let us see, O Lord, your
mercy,

ALL : AND GIVE US YOUR
SAVING HELP. GLORY
BE . . .

Short Reading : Repent and turn to
God, so that your sins may be wiped
out . . . so that the Lord may send
you the Christ he has predestined, that
is Jesus . . .

4 Advent II

Leader : Rejoice in the Lord always,
again I say rejoice.

ALL : THE LORD SHALL COME
FORTH FROM HIS HOLY
PLACE, AND SHALL COME
TO SAVE HIS PEOPLE.
GLORY BE . . .

O Rising Dawn, Radiance of eternal
life and Sun of Justice, Come: enlighten
those who sit in darkness and in the
shadow of death.

5 Advent III

Leader : O Lord, open my lips

ALL : AND MY MOUTH SHALL
DECLARE YOUR PRAISE.

Leader : Behold our God is coming

ALL : AND HE WILL SAVE US.
GLORY BE . . .

Short Reading : Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel, which means ' God with us '.

6 Epiphany

Leader : O Lord, open my lips

ALL : AND MY MOUTH SHALL
DECLARE YOUR PRAISE.

Leader : Before you all kings shall fall prostrate,

ALL : ALL NATIONS SHALL
SERVE YOU. GLORY
TO YOU, O CHRIST,
PROCLAIMED TO THE
PAGANS. GLORY TO YOU,
O CHRIST, BELIEVED IN
BY THE WORLD.

Short Reading : " We have heard for ourselves and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world."

7 Lent I

Leader : The Lord is compassion and love,

ALL : SLOW TO ANGER AND RICH IN MERCY.

Leader : He does not treat us according to our sins,

ALL : NOR REPAY US ACCORDING TO OUR FAULTS. PRAISE TO YOU, KING OF ETERNAL GLORY. GLORY BE . . .

Short Reading : We entreat you not to accept the grace of God in vain . . . Behold now is the acceptable time ; behold now is the day of salvation.

8 Lent II

Leader : Our eyes are on the Lord our God

ALL : TILL HE SHOW US HIS MERCY.

Leader : It is he who forgives all our guilt,

ALL : WHO HEALS EVERY ONE OF OUR ILLS. GLORY BE . . .

Short Reading : If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

9 The Passion

Leader : O God, come to my assistance.

ALL : LORD, MAKE HASTE TO
HELP ME.

Leader : Let us see, O Lord, your
mercy,

ALL : AND GIVE US YOUR
SAVING HELP. GLORY
BE . . .

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows. He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, upon him was the chastisement that made us whole.

Short Reading : Christ died for all, that those who live might live no longer for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

10 Easter I

Leader : Glorify the Lord with me.

ALL : TOGETHER LET US PRAISE
HIS NAME.

Leader : I will give you glory, O God,
my King,

ALL : I WILL BLESS YOUR
NAME FOR EVER. GLORY
BE TO THE FATHER,
THROUGH THE SON, IN
THE HOLY SPIRIT. AS IT
WAS . . .

Short Reading : By His glorious
Resurrection God has proclaimed Him
both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom
you crucified.

11 Easter II

Leader : Cry out with joy to the Lord
all the earth,

ALL : SERVE THE LORD WITH
GLADNESS,

Leader : Come before him singing for
joy.

ALL : ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA,
ALLELUIA.

Leader : The stone which the builders
rejected

ALL : HAS BECOME THE CORNER-STONE. ALLELUIA.

Short Reading : Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and to an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

12 Ascensiontide

Leader : Jesus has ascended to His Father and our Father,

ALL : TO HIS GOD AND OUR GOD. LET US PRAY TO OUR GOD AND FATHER THROUGH HIM. GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, THROUGH THE SON, IN THE HOLY SPIRIT. AS IT WAS . . .

Short Reading : Christ yesterday and today the beginning of all things and their end Alpha and Omega. All time belongs to him and all the ages ; to him be glory and dominion for all eternity. Amen.

13 The Holy Spirit

Leader : The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send,

ALL : WILL TEACH US ALL THINGS, AND GUIDE US INTO ALL TRUTH.

Leader : The love of God is poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who is given us.

ALL : GLORY BE TO THE FATHER . . .

Short Reading : Heavenly King, Paraclete, Spirit of Truth, present in all places and filling all things, treasury of good and Master of life ; come and dwell within us, cleanse us from all stain, and save our souls.

14 The Holy Trinity

Leader : Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity, now and forever.

ALL : AMEN.

Leader : Holy God, Holy Strong One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us, to Thee be praise, to Thee be glory, to Thee be thanksgiving through endless ages, O Blessed Trinity.

Short Reading : How rich are the depths of God, how deep his wisdom and knowledge, all that exists comes from Him, all is by Him and for Him. To Him be glory for ever. Amen.

Alternative Short Reading : I thank you, Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to babes. All things have been delivered to me by my Father ; and no-one knows the Son except the Father, and no-one knows the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him.

15 Ordinary Days I

Leader : O Lord, open my lips,

ALL : AND MY MOUTH SHALL
DECLARE YOUR PRAISE.

Leader : O God, come to my assistance.

ALL : LORD, MAKE HASTE TO
HELP ME. GLORY BE . . .

Short Reading : Honour and glory through endless ages to the king of all the ages, the immortal, the invisible, who alone is God. Amen.

16 Ordinary Days II

Leader : O Lord, open my lips,

ALL : AND MY MOUTH SHALL
DECLARE YOUR PRAISE.

Leader : O God, come to my assistance.

ALL : LORD, MAKE HASTE TO
HELP ME. GLORY BE . . .

Lord God, how good you have been to us, how little we have done for you. You have created us out of nothing. You have redeemed us by the death of your Son. You have made us holy by the grace of the Holy Spirit. You have called us into your Church and given us so many proofs of Your love. You have kept us safe until now and given us this day in which to serve you. Amen.

17 Ordinary Days III

Leader : O Lord, open my lips,

ALL : AND MY MOUTH SHALL
DECLARE YOUR PRAISE.

Leader : O God, come to my assistance.

ALL : LORD, MAKE HASTE TO
HELP ME. GLORY BE . . .

Alleluia.

Praise God in his holy place, praise him
in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his powerful deeds,
praise his surpassing greatness.

O praise him with the sound of trumpet,
praise him with lute and harp.

Praise him with timbrel and dance,
praise him with strings and pipe.

O praise him with resounding cymbals,
praise him with the clashing of
cymbals.

Let everything that lives and that
breathes give praise to the Lord.

Alleluia.

(Ps. 150)

18 Corpus Christi and the Holy Eucharist

Leader : This is the bread which comes
down from heaven that a man
may eat of It and not die.

ALL : IF ANYONE EATS OF THIS
BREAD, HE WILL LIVE
FOR EVER.

Leader : He who eats my flesh and
drinks my blood has eternal
life, and I will raise him up
at the last day.

ALL : GLORY BE . . .

Short Reading : This is a holy banquet indeed, in which Christ himself is made our food, the memory of His Passion is told again, grace fills our mind and heart, and there is given unto us an assurance of the glory that one day will be ours.

19 The Sacred Heart

Leader : God so loved the world that
He gave his only Son

ALL : THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES
IN HIM SHOULD NOT
PERISH BUT HAVE ETER-
NAL LIFE.

Leader : This is love.

ALL : NOT THAT WE LOVED
GOD, BUT THAT HE
LOVED US, AND SENT
HIS SON TO BE THE
EXPIATION FOR OUR
SINS. GLORY BE . . .

Short Reading : I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor might, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

20 Christ the King

ALL : Worthy is He, the Lamb who was slain to receive power and Godhead, wisdom, strength and honour. Glory and empire be His for ever.

Leader : He accepted death

ALL : but God raised Him high ; so his dominion is an everlasting dominion which shall not pass away and his Kingdom one that shall not be destroyed. Allelulia.

21 Feasts of Our Lady

Leader : My soul glorifies the Lord,

ALL : MY SPIRIT REJOICES IN GOD, MY SAVIOUR.

Leader : He looks on His servant in her nothingness

ALL : HENCEFORTH ALL AGES
WILL CALL ME BLESSED.
GLORY BE . . .

Mary, ever a virgin, temple of the Lord, sanctuary of the Holy Spirit, you alone, without a rival, have pleased Our Lord Jesus Christ, help those in misery, strengthen the faint-hearted, comfort the sorrowful, pray for the people,

intercede for the clergy, pray for all men and women consecrated to God. May all experience your help, pray for us to the Father, whose Son was born of you.

22 Feasts of Apostles

Leader : We are fellow citizens with the saints

ALL : AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD.

Leader : Built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets

ALL : CHRIST JESUS HIMSELF BEING THE CORNER-STONE TO HIM BELONG DOMINION AND GLORY FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.

Short Reading : And in the Spirit he carried me away to a great high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations and on them the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

ALL : Thanks be to God.

23 Feasts of Saints I

ALL : Let us all rejoice in the Lord
as we celebrate this feast in
honour of Blessed
The angels are rejoicing in
this festival and they join
with us in praising the Son of
God.

Leader : Even if you have to die, says
the Lord, keep faithful, and I
will give you the crown of
life. Alleluia.

Short Reading : Those who prove
victorious I will allow to share my
throne, just as I was victorious myself
and took my place with my Father on
his throne. (Rev. 3 : 21)

24 Feasts of Saints II

Leader : Blessed be the holy and
undivided Trinity

ALL : NOW AND FOR EVER.
AMEN.

Leader : They are happy who dwell in
your house

ALL : FOR EVER SINGING
YOUR PRAISE. GLORY
BE . . .

Short Reading : Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

25 For the Faithful Departed

Leader : In God alone is my soul at rest,

ALL : MY HELP COMES FROM HIM.

Leader : He alone is my rock, my stronghold, I stand firm.

ALL : Blessed be the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, by his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Short Reading : Jesus said to Martha : "I am the Resurrection and the Life ; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die."

26 For Vocations

Leader : The Lord says this :

ALL : FOLLOW ME AND I WILL
MAKE YOU FISHERS OF
MEN.

Leader : The harvest is great, but the
labourers are few.

ALL : ASK THE LORD OF
THE HARVEST TO SEND
LABOURERS TO HIS
HARVEST. GLORY BE . . .

Short Reading : His gifts were that
some should be apostles, some prophets,
some evangelists, some pastors and
teachers, for the equipment of the
saints, for the work of the ministry, for
building up the body of Christ.
(Eph. 4 : 11-12)

27 For the Missionary Work of the Church

Leader : Go out to the whole world,

ALL : PROCLAIM THE GOOD
NEWS TO ALL CREATION.

Leader : You shall be my witnesses.

ALL : IN JERUSALEM AND IN
ALL JUDEA AND
SAMARIA AND TO THE
ENDS OF THE EARTH.
GLORY BE . . .

Short Reading : " Missionary activity finds its reason in the will of God, who wishes all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and man, himself man, Jesus Christ, who gave himself a ransom for all . . . neither is there salvation in any other . . . therefore all must be converted to Him . . . "

(Decree on Missions)

28 For Christian Unity

Leader : How good and pleasant it is

**ALL : BROTHERS DWELLING IN
UNITY. GLORY BE . . .**

Short Reading : May they all be one, Father, may they be one in us, as you are in me and I am in you, so that the world may believe it was you who sent me. (John 17 : 21)

29 For Peace and Justice

Leader : Our help is in the name of the
Lord

**ALL : WHO MADE HEAVEN AND
EARTH.**

Leader : May he defend the poor of the
people

ALL : AND DEFEND THE
 NEEDY. GLORY BE . . .

Short Reading : The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken, to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison, to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. (Luke 4 : 18-19)

30 For Thanksgiving

ALL : Cry out with **joy** to the **Lord**,
(say or all the **earth**
sing) **Serve the Lord with gladness,**
 Come before him, singing for
 joy.

Go within his gates giving
 thanks,

Enter his courts with songs of
 praise,

Give **thanks** to him and **bless**
 his **Name.**

Give **glory** to the **Father**
 Almighty,

To His **Son Jesus Christ** our
 Lord,

To the **Spirit** who **dwells** in
 our **hearts.**

Short Reading : Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.

PRAYERS FOR LITURGICAL SEASONS

31 Advent

Put forth your power, Lord, and come : help us with that mighty power, so that by your grace and merciful kindness we may speedily receive the salvation that our sins retard.

32 Christmas

We ask, almighty God, that the coming of your only Son as a human child may free those who labour under the long slavery of sin.

33 Epiphany

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the peoples of the earth through the guidance of a star. Grant that we may be led on from faith in you to clear sight of your beauty and majesty.

34 Lent

O God, you see that we are without strength. Take care of us within and without, that our bodies may be free from all peril and our minds made clean from evil thoughts.

35 Easter

O God, this day you have opened up eternity to us through your only-begotten Son's conquest of death. Help us then to realize these longings which you yourself first breathed into our hearts.

36 Pentecost

O God, this day you taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit. May he guide us in right desires and always give us joy through his comfort.

37 Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everliving God, you have given your people grace to confess the true faith, and thus to avow the glory of the eternal Trinity and to worship the sovereign and almighty Unity. Grant that by steadfastness in that faith we may be made safe from all adversities.

38 Corpus Christi

O God, in this wonderful sacrament you left us a memorial of your passion. May we so reverence the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always be conscious of the effects of your redemption within us.

39 Our Lady

Give lasting health of soul and body to your servants, Lord God, we beseech you. And at the intercession in heaven of Blessed Mary, ever-virgin, deliver us from the tribulations of this life and bring us to the unending happiness of the life to come.

40 All Saints

Almighty and everliving God, you allow us to honour the merits of all your saints together on this single festival. At the pleading of so great a host, grant us the abundant mercy for which we long.

**PRAYERS FOR VARIOUS
OCCASIONS**

41 For the Pope

Let us pray for our Pope.
Lord, enlighten the chief Bishop of your Church so that all men may learn your truth when they hear or read his words.

42 For the Pope

O God, the Pastor and Ruler of all the faithful, look favourably on your servant who you have been pleased to appoint chief shepherd of your Church. Enable him to further by his teaching and good example the salvation of those over whom he is placed, so that with the flock entrusted to his care, he may attain life everlasting, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

43 For our Bishop

Lord God, give our Bishop knowledge and wisdom, guide him in his decisions and let his words and example be of help to all Christians.

44 For the Church

Merciful and loving Father, bless your Holy Church throughout the world; bless especially this part of it in which we live; make all the members of it sound in faith and holy in life, that they may truly and heartily serve you. Father, we ask you to remember our relations, friends and neighbours, and all who desire to be or ought to be remembered in our prayers. Help the poor, comfort all in trouble, have mercy on the sick and dying, and help us by

your grace to prepare ourselves daily for the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

45 Hear, Lord, your Church's prayers and help her work. May the entire world become the People of God, the Body of Christ and the Temple of the Holy Spirit. In Christ the Head of all, may all honour and glory be given to you, the Creator and Father of all things. Amen.

46 Almighty, everlasting God, by whose spirit the whole body of the Church is made holy and guided, listen to our prayers on behalf of all its members, that, by the gift of your grace, all in their different callings may give you faithful service: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

47 For the spread of the Church

O God, you wish all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth; send, we pray, labourers into your vineyard and let them speak your word most faithfully that it may spread and be well-known, so that all people may know you, the one True God and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent, who is God living and reigning with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

48 For vocations to the priesthood and the religious life

Lord Jesus Christ, you became a man with a body and soul like ours; you taught us the glory of self-sacrifice and service to others. We ask you to give many Christians a desire to dedicate their lives to you; priests to bring your Gospel to mankind; brothers and sisters to teach the young, nurse the sick, the aged and invalids, to care for all those who need care. Give wisdom, strength, courage and skill to those who already serve you, and call others to help them in making your name known and loved for ever. Amen.

49 For the virtue of true religion

Lord God, grant that we may love all men even though unknown to us, and bring them, as ourselves, into your heavenly kingdom; grant that we may show them your mercy by remembering them in our prayers so that we, and those for whom we have prayed, and those for whom we are in any way bound to pray, and with all the people of God, may enter into your kingdom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Adapted from a prayer of Lancelot Andrewes)

50 For Christian Unity

O Lord unite all minds in truth and all hearts in charity, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

51 Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace, my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever. Amen.

52 O God, you make straight what is crooked and gather together what is scattered; pour out in your mercy the grace of unity over all Christian people, so that they may avoid division and, uniting themselves to the true shepherd of Your Church may find strength to serve you worthily through Christ our Lord. Amen.

53 For peace

From all perils of body and soul, O Lord, protect us; and at the intercession of the blessed and glorious Mary, ever-virgin Mother of God, of Blessed Joseph, of your blessed apostles Peter and Paul, of blessed Philip, and of all the saints, in your loving kindness grant us safety and peace, so that all

opposition and error may be destroyed and your Church may serve you in untroubled freedom, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

54 For the Queen and the Royal Family

Lord, you watch over all the nations of the earth; bless our sovereign Queen Elizabeth and all the members of the Royal Family. Give them grace to work always for your honour and glory and for the welfare of this land, and after this life give them a place in your heavenly kingdom through Christ our Lord. Amen.

55 For the Government

Almighty God, the giver of all wisdom, guide the government and officials of this country; help them to know and understand what is right, and to do your will as they work for the welfare of this nation. Help them to work in charity with men of all countries, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

56 For our homes and families

Lord God, helper of all men, bless all our parents, relatives and friends. Bring your holy peace into our homes, and give us strength to live in constant charity, without self-conceit, pride or

argument. Bring us all at last to your home in heaven so that we may be in your family for ever, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

57 In desperate circumstances

Into your hands, O Father, we commit this your world, this your family, for which Our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and to suffer death upon the cross. Into your hands we commit all the problems which seem insoluble, in sure and certain hope, for in You is our trust. Here and now we lay all in your hands. All love, all glory, be unto you, for ever and ever. Amen.

58 For social workers

Lord Jesus, you have told us that we love God by seeing you in our neighbour and by acting on that insight. Send your holy spirit on those who devote their lives to nursing the sick and mentally ill, the aged, the infirm and the disabled; those who visit the imprisoned and bed-ridden; who provide for orphans and deprived children; those who care about the misfits, down and outs, alcoholics and drug-addicts; all those who meet human needs with sympathy, prompt action and

sincere love. We thank you for their example; give them the reward of your kindom and give us a similar spirit of generosity and love towards all men. For your Name's sake. Amen.

59 The power of love

Grant us Lord, to spread true love in the world. Grant that by us and by your children it may penetrate a little into all circles, all societies, all economic and political systems, all laws, all contracts, all rulings.

Grant that it may penetrate the hearts of men, and that we may never forget that the battle for a better world is a battle of love, in the service of love.

Help us to love, Lord, not to waste our powers of love; to love ourselves less and less in order to love others more and more, that around us no one should suffer or die because we have stolen the love they need to live.

60 For those in affliction and danger

Almighty and everlasting God, comfort of those who sorrow, support of those who toil, may the prayers of those who cry to you in any trouble reach your ear, and may they all rejoice that your mercy has been with them in their hour of need, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

61 For a sick person

Almighty, everlasting God, eternal salvation of believers, heed our prayers for your servant who is sick, and for whom we crave your merciful help. Restore him (her) to health, and let him (her) join with his (her) fellow Christians in offering the Thanksgiving to you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

62 For the dead

Out of the depths I have cried to you, O Lord: Lord, hear my prayer. Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication. If you, O Lord, shall observe iniquities, Lord, who shall endure it? For with you there is merciful forgiveness and by reason of your law I have waited for you, O Lord. My soul has relied on his word; my soul has hoped in the Lord. From the morning watch even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord. Because with the Lord there is mercy and with him plentiful redemption. And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

V. Eternal rest give to him (her), O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon him (her).

V. May he (she) rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Let us pray

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of your servants departed the remission of all their sins; that through our loving supplication they may obtain the pardon which they have always desired. Who live and reign for ever. Amen.

63 For the Souls in Purgatory

O Lord, because you are always most merciful and most generous with your gifts, look down upon the suffering souls in purgatory and heal them. Because you have loved them from all eternity, be merciful and forgive their offences. Cleanse them of their sins, and fulfil their burning desire to see you face to face in your glory. May they soon enter into the happiness of the kingdom prepared for them, there to be united to you for ever and ever. Amen.

Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let never-ending light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

64 A reminder after praying for the dead

Grant, O God, that while we lament the departure of this your servant, we may always remember that we are most

certainly to follow him (her). Give us grace to prepare for that last hour by a good life, that we may not be surprised by a sudden and unprovided death, but be ever watching, that when you shall call we may with the bridegroom enter into eternal glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES

that we may be as Christ would have us be

65 Thanksgiving

Thanks be to you, O Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits that you have given us; for all the pains and insults that you have borne for us. Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, for your own sake. Amen.

(St. Richard)

66 For generosity

Lord, teach us to be generous. Teach us to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for any reward except that of knowing that we do your will.

(St. Ignatius)

67 For practical charity

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; not so much to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

(St. Francis)

68 An act of consecration

O Lord, receive all my liberty; accept my memory, my understanding, and my will. All that I have and possess you have given to me. I give it all back to you, to be governed only by your will. Give me your love and your grace; with these I am rich enough and desire nothing more.

(St. Ignatius)

69 For endurance

Give me, O Lord, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy thought can drag downwards; an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out; an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow on me also, O Lord my God, understanding

to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(St. Thomas Aquinas)

70 For a Christlike character

O Jesus living in Mary, come and live in your servants : in the spirit of your holiness, in the fulness of your power, in the perfection of your ways, in the truth of your virtues, in the communion of your mysteries; rule over every power of the enemy, in your spirit, for the glory of the Father. Amen.

(Fr. Olier)

71 Obedience to God's will

Give us, Lord, knowledge of your will in all things, both small and great; give us grace to choose it, to follow it, and to follow it at all costs, simply because it is your will, and thus we may please you. Amen.

72 Prayer in time of trial

Leader : "If we have received good things from the hand of the Lord, why should we not receive evil ?"

All : "The Lord has given, the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

(Job)

Eternal Father, even as your divine son, our Lord Jesus Christ, offers himself to your divine majesty as victim for the human race, so do I offer myself to you; do with me what you will; I accept all the troubles and afflictions it may please you to send me; may your will be done.

(Dom Columba Marmion)

73 For the gift of divine love

O Lord Jesus Christ, who said : Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; grant, we beseech you, to us who ask, the gift of your most divine love, that with all our hearts, words and works, we may love you, and never cease to praise you; who live and reign with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

74 For self-control

Lord God, help us to be masters of ourselves that we may be the servants of others and so follow your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

75 Before an examination

Lord, bless us before we begin this examination. Help us to think clearly and make the best use of our know-

ledge; help us to be as successful as we deserve, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

76 Before a school Mass

Visit our consciences, we beg you, Lord, and purify them, so that our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, may at His coming find in us a dwelling place prepared for Him, who is God; who is God, living and reigning with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

77 O God, thank you for making me as I am. Thank you for health and strength, for eyes to see, for ears to hear, for hands to work, for feet to walk and run, for a mind to think with, for the power of memory, for a heart with which to love. Thank you for parents who are kind to me; for friends who are true to me; teachers who are patient with me. Thank you for the wonderful gift of life. Help me to try and deserve all your gifts a little more.

**PRAYERS TO THE HOLY SPIRIT,
AND FOR HIS HELP**

(see also Prayers 98 and 104)

78 Enlighten our minds, we pray you, Lord, by the brightness of your shining, so that we may be able to see what we

should do, and have the strength to do it; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

79 O God, from whom all good things come, we beseech you grant that by your inspiration we may think right thoughts and under your guidance put them into practice; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

80 Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your spirit, all shall be created anew, and you will renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray.

God, who didst teach the faithful by sending the light of the Holy Spirit into their hearts, grant that, by the gift of that spirit, right judgement may be ours, and that we may ever find joy in his comfort; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

81 O holy Spirit, soul of my soul, I adore you. Enlighten me, guide me, strengthen me, console me. Tell me what I ought to do and command me to do it. I promise to obey in everything you ask of me. I promise to accept everything you let happen to me. Only show me what is your will. Amen.

(Cardinal Mercier)

PRAYERS TO OUR LADY

82 Memorare

Remember, O most loving Virgin Mary, that it is a thing unheard of, that anyone ever had recourse to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession and was left forsaken. Filled therefore with confidence in your goodness I fly to you, O Mother, Virgin of virgins. To you I come, before you I stand, a sorrowful sinner. Despise not my poor words, O Mother of the Word of God, but graciously hear and grant my prayer.

83 Sub tuum praesidium

We fly to your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Despise not our prayers in our necessities but ever deliver us from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

84 The Magnificat (Luke I : 46-55).

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.

He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his Name.

His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear Him.

He puts forth his arm in strength, and
scatters the proud-hearted.

He casts the mighty from their thrones,
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy, the mercy promised to our fathers, for Abraham and his sons for ever.

Glory be . . .

85 Salve Regina

Hail, holy queen, mother of mercy; hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

All powerful, eternal God, by the co-operation of the Holy Spirit you made ready the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mother

Mary to be a fit dwelling place for your Son, as we celebrate her memory with joy, grant that through her motherly intercession we may be preserved from evil in this world and from eternal death, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

86 The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord made the announcement to Mary,

R. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary . . .

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord

R. Be it unto me according to your word.

Hail Mary . . .

V. The word was made flesh

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary . . .

Let us pray:

Pour forth your grace into our hearts, we pray you Lord, so that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the angel's message, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

87 Regina Coeli

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

The Son whom it was your privilege to bear, alleluia, has risen as He said, alleluia. Pray to God for us, alleluia.

V. Rejoice and be glad, Virgin Mary, alleluia !

R. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia ! Let us pray.

O God you were pleased to give joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant we beseech you, that through the prayers of the Virgin Mary, his mother, we may come to possess the joys of life everlasting, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF CONSECRATION AND INTERCESSION

88 Prayers of Consecration I

Let us pray to the all-holy God that we may serve him in holiness and justice all the days of our life in his presence.

Lord, you willed to endure all the trials we have to bear yet without sinning.

R. Lord Jesus, make us holy.

Lord, you have called us to become perfect in love. (R)

Lord, you have commanded us to be the salt of the earth, and the light of the world. (R)

Lord, you chose to serve, not to be served. (R)

Lord, you have prepared a place for your holy ones in heaven. (R)

89 Prayers of Consecration II

Let us pray to our Saviour the faithful witness, through the martyrs who have sacrificed their lives in defence of God's truth;

L. Through the merits of your martyrs, who freely laid down their lives to bear witness to the true faith,

R. Give us, Lord, true liberty of spirit.

L. Through your martyrs who professed the true faith even at the cost of their lives,

R. Give us faith, Lord, complete and unwavering.

L. Through your martyrs who have followed in your footsteps carrying the cross,

R. Give us greatness of heart in facing the trials of life.

L. Through your martyrs who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb,

R. Help us, Lord, to overcome all bodily and worldly hindrances to holiness.

90 Prayers of Consecration III

Let us turn in prayer to God, who is rich in mercy towards all who call upon him;

L. Almighty King, you have given us a royal priesthood in Baptism,

R. May we never fail to make our lives a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you.

L. Lord, may we live this day in your presence,

R. So that we may be blameless in all things.

L. We will bless you every hour of the day,

R. We will praise your Name in every circumstance.

L. May we bring joy today to all who are with us,

R. May we never cause sorrow to anyone.

91 Prayers of Intercession I

Christ stands forever at the right hand of the Father to intercede for the needs of the whole world : let us unite our prayer with His.

L. Lord, look with mercy on the whole Church, which you redeemed with your Precious Blood.

R. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy on us.

L. Look with pity on all the nations of the world. Fill their rulers with wisdom, and let justice, peace, freedom, truth and brotherly love everywhere prevail.

R. Christ, have . . .

L. Have compassion on the sick, the poor, the lonely, and all in any need or sorrow. You humbled yourself to share our sufferings.

R. Christ, have . . .

L. Teach us always to offer the Holy Sacrifice for the dead, so that they may be loosed from their sins.

R. Christ, have . . .

92 Prayers of Intercession II

God made an everlasting covenant with us His people, and his blessings have never failed. So let us pray with confidence;

L. Bless every member of the Church — may they grow holier with each passing day.

R. Bless your people, Lord.

L. Unite in one Communion all those who are proud to be called Christians — that the world may believe in Christ, whom you have sent.

R. Bless . . .

L. Give your grace to all our friends and acquaintances — spread among them the knowledge and love of Christ.

R. Bless . . .

L. Show your love to those about to die — may they see the salvation which you have promised.

R. Bless . . .

L. Have mercy on the dead — give them a share in the fellowship of all who sleep in Christ.

R. Bless . . .

93 Prayers of Intercession III

L. Let us pray that God will bless and make holy every side of school life. Lord hear us . . .

R. Lord, graciously hear us.

L. Grant wisdom, perseverance and strength to work hard at all our studies. Lord, hear us . . . (R)

L. Grant skill, courage and unselfishness at games. Lord, hear us . . . (R)

L. Help all in this school to love you, and to have love, courtesy and respect for everyone who works here. Lord, hear us . . .

OUR FATHER.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

94 May your peace and tranquillity, Lord, your love, your grace and your divine mercy be with and among us as long as we live, now and for ever, age after age. Amen.

(Syriac liturgy, 4th century)

95 O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, till the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the

fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Cardinal Newman)

96 O Lord, we entreat you to visit this school and drive far away the snares of the enemy. May your holy angels dwell here to keep us in peace, and may your blessing be always upon us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

97 May the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ to become the great Shepherd of the sheep, make us ready to do His will in every kind of good action; and turn us all into whatever is acceptable to himself through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

98 Lord, may your grace inspire all our actions and sustain them to the end, so that all our prayer and work may begin in you, and by you be completed. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

99 In mercy and loving kindness receive our morning prayer, O Lord, and cleanse our hearts, so that no evil may

have power over us who have been healed by the light of your grace. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

100 Lord, God Almighty, you have brought us to the beginning of this day, keep us safe from sin, so that all our thoughts, words and deeds may be pleasing to you. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

101 Lord Jesus Christ, true light of all on the road of salvation, give us the strength to walk with you in the ways of innocence and peace. Amen.

102 Lord, true Light and Creator of all light, we pray that our minds may always be filled with holy thoughts and our life filled with your praise. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

103 O God, protector of those who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, lavish upon us your loving care, so that with you for our ruler and guide, we may so pass through the joys of this world as not to lose those of the world to come. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

104 Lord, we pray you let your gracious inspiration prompt us always to think and do what is right, so that we who without you cannot exist, may be able to live as you would have us live. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

105 For any saint's day

Grant we pray you, Lord our God, that we who in this life gladly commemorate your saints, may find unending joy hereafter in their presence, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

106 Especially on the feasts of Angels

O God, in a wonderful way you have set up orders of both men and angels in your service. Be pleased to grant that during our earthly life we may be guarded by those who in heaven are ever ready to serve you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

107 O Lord, fire of everlasting love, give us the fervour to love you above all things, and our brother for your sake, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

108 O God who gave the earth to men that they might keep and cultivate it, and who made the sun to shine for their benefit, grant us the light of your

grace, so that during this day we may faithfully work for your glory and for the good of our fellowmen. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSINGS AND FORMS OF DISMISSAL

- 109 May the Lord bless us, may he keep us free from all evil, and lead us to life everlasting. Amen.
- 110 May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.
- 111 May the God of peace make us perfect and holy, and may we all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called us and he will not fail us. Amen.
- 112 May God Almighty, the Lord of Victory, keep us in His peace and in His joy and love, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- 113 May the Lord bless us and keep us,
May the Lord let his face shine on us
and be gracious to us.
May the Lord turn his face to us, and
bring us peace.
May the Lord bless us.

114 Conclusion (A message from St. Paul)

Leader: "Never give in, my dear brothers, never admit defeat, keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain. The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you."

115 Benediction

The following or another hymn is sung.

O Salutaris

O saving Victim, opening wide
The gate of heaven to men below;
Our foes press on from every side;
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.
To thy great name be endless praise,
Immortal Godhead, one in three;
O grant us endless length of days
In our true native land with thee.

Amen.

Reading and/or prayers.

Tantum Ergo

Therefore we, before Him bending,
this great Sacrament revere;
Types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here.
Faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes the inward vision clear.

Glory let us give, and blessing, to the
Father and the Son.

Honour, might and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;

Ever too his love confessing, who from
both, with both, is one. Amen.

V. Thou hast given thy people bread
from heaven

R. The Bread which is full of all
goodness.

Let us pray.

O God, who in this wonderful Sacra-
ment has left us a memorial of Your
Passion, help us so to reverence the
Sacred Mysteries of Your Body and
Blood, that we may always experience
in our lives the effects of Your
redemption; who livest and reignest
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Divine Praises

Blessed be God. Blessed be his holy
Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and
true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus. Blessed
be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the most holy
Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Ghost, the
Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God,
Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate
Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin
and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her spouse most
chaste.

Blessed be God in his Angels and in
his Saints.

INDIVIDUAL INTENTIONS

116 Morning Offering

Jesus, I offer to your divine heart,
through Mary's sinless heart, all my
prayers and deeds, joys and sufferings,
during this day. I offer them in
atonement for the sins of myself and
of others, and for all the objects for
which you continually offer up your-
self on the altar. I make this offering
in particular for

117 Act of Faith

My God, I believe in you and all your Church teaches, because you have said it, and your word is true.

118 Act of Hope

My God, I hope in You for grace and for glory, because of your promises, your mercy and your power.

119 Act of Charity

My God, because you are so good, I love you with all my heart, and for your sake I love my neighbour as myself.

120 Short Act of Contrition

My God, because you are so good, I am very sorry that I have sinned against you, and by the help of Your grace I will not sin again.

121 Longer Act of Contrition

O my God, I am sorry and beg pardon for all my sins, and detest them above all things, because they deserve your dreadful punishments, because they have crucified my loving saviour Jesus Christ, and most of all because they offend your infinite goodness; and I firmly resolve, by the help of your grace, never to offend you again and carefully to avoid the occasions of sin.

122 For my faults

O God, help me to cure my faults. Keep me from being cheeky in my conversation; sulky when I get into a row which I deserve; lazy at my lessons; disobliging at home; too conceited when I do well; too discouraged when I fail.

Help me to walk looking up to Jesus, and always try to be more like Him. This I ask for His sake. Amen.

123 In sickness and pain

Lord, your will be done; I take this for my sins. I offer up to you my sufferings, together with all that my Saviour has suffered for me; and I beg of you, through his sufferings, to have mercy on me. Free me from this illness and pain if you will, and if it be for my good. Therefore, Lord, I trust myself to you; do with me as you please. In sickness and in health, I wish to love you always. Amen.

124 Night Prayer

And now with day's departing light, Creator thee we humbly pray, of thy great mercy through the night, be thou

our guard and surety. Keep idle visions far away, and night's alarming fears allay; restrain our dreadful enemy, nor let our bodies sullied be. O loving Father hear our cry, O hear us sole begotten son, who with the Holy Ghost most high dost reign while endless ages run. Amen.

125 For a Holy death

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul;

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, assist me in my last agony;

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, may I breathe forth my soul in peace with you.

Amen.

126 St. Philip in his School

This is the saint of gentleness and kindness,

Cheerful in penance and in precept winning;

Patiently healing of their pride and blindness

Souls that are sinning.

This is the saint who, when the world allures us,

Cries her false wares, and opes her
magic coffers,
Points to a better city and secures us
With richer offers.
Love is his bond, he knows no other
fetter,
Asks not our all, but takes whate'er
we spare him,
Willing to draw us on from good to
better,
As we can bear him.
When he comes near to teach us and
to bless us,
Prayer is so sweet, that hours are but
a minute;
Mirth is so pure, though freely it
possess us,
Sin is not in it.
Thus he conducts, by holy paths and
pleasant,
Innocent souls, and sinful souls
forgiven,
Towards the bright palace, where our
God is present
Throned in high heaven.

(J. H. Newman)

127 **End of Term**

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;
Thanks for mercies past received;
Pardon all, their faults confessing;
Time that's lost may all retrieve.
May thy children
Ne'er again thy Spirit grieve.

For thy mercy we adore thee,
For this rest upon our way;
Lord, again we bow before thee,
Speed our labours day by day:
Mind and spirit
With thy choicest gifts array.

Let thy Father-hand be shielding
All who here shall meet no more;
May their seed-time past be yielding
Year by year a richer store:
Those returning
Make more faithful than before.



